

Challis Jt. District #181

Custer County

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James Thornton, Superintendent

District Characteristics 1996-97

Fall Enrollment 1996-97	700	Special Education:	
Average Daily Attendance	654	Special Education Students	94
State Ranking per ADA	62	Gifted and Talented Students	0
Number of Schools (sites):		Number of LEP Students	5
Elementary	4	National School Lunch Program:	
Secondary	2	% Average Daily Participation	54%
Number of Schools:		% Free and Reduced Meals	16%
Accredited	6	Average Lunch Price - Elementary	\$1.25
Accredited with Comment	0	Average Lunch Price - Secondary	\$1.50
Advised & Advised with Comment	0	Pupil Transportation Program:	
Warned	0	Average Daily Ridership 1995-96	481
High School Graduates:		District Owned Operation	
High School Diplomas-Regular	43		
Other Completions*	0		

* Includes Certificates of Completion, State Diplomas and High School Equivalencies (age 19 & under)

Superintendent's Highlights

The 1996-97 school year saw significant progress in delivering educational services to the students of the Challis School District as we have worked to achieve the ten goals of our Local Educational Improvement Plan. The experience of separating grades as we reconfigured schools to include a middle school (grades 6-8) caused many of us to grow. First year challenges for students and patrons were resolved by dedicated staff and administration. The middle level concepts and practices are alive and well in Challis. This reconfiguration affected all the Challis Schools in a positive manner, making the district more capable of meeting the needs of students. Other efforts of curriculum improvement with assessments aligned to our curriculum created new horizons for the district as we move toward our goals for school improvement.

Progress Towards Meeting District Goals

1996-97 Goals	Progress
Inclusion Techniques	Teachers and administration were instrumental in bringing inclusion practices into the classroom. Additional teacher assistants helped create safety nets for at-risk students and we were able to note significant gains.
Safe and Secure Schools	A committee of parents, teachers, board members and administrators functioned to review policies and practices. Their recommendations are being adopted to make our schools safer and more secure.
Curriculum Improvement	Efforts to develop the math curriculum and to align the curriculum with assessment functions saw a marked improvement in the overall program. Performance outcomes were identified and teachers identified the essential functions to accomplish the standards.
Develop Middle School	The first year of operation saw many challenges and growth as the staff at the Middle School solved problems and worked with parents to create a middle school learning environment.
Transportation Facility	Previous service for pupil transportation was accomplished from a private facility. A contract for a new bus maintenance facility has been awarded which will allow the district to provide secure service for pupil transportation into the future.

Student Profiles

Ethnicity

Race	Male	Female	Total
White	51.92%	42.04%	93.96%
Black	0.00%	0.50%	0.50%
Hispanic	2.35%	2.18%	4.53%
Nat. Amer.	0.00%	0.34%	0.34%
Asian	0.17%	0.50%	0.67%
Total	54.44%	45.56%	100.00%

Dropouts



Year	Grd. 9	Grd. 10	Grd. 11	Grd. 12
95-96	4.17%	1.59%	2.00%	8.51%
96-97	2.08%	2.17%	0.00%	4.17%

Numbers in graph represent actual dropout counts per grade

Financial Information 1996-97

	M & O Fund	%	All Funds	%
Revenues:				
Local Taxes	\$1,003,145	30.64%	\$1,003,145	27.30%
Other Sources	80,490	2.46%	217,010	5.91%
State	2,174,615	66.42%	2,263,060	61.59%
Federal	15,674	0.48%	191,248	5.20%
Total	\$3,273,924	100.00%	\$3,674,463	100.00%

Supplemental Information:

Property Tax Replacement	\$313,803
Lottery Revenues	\$28,812
Technology Grant	\$43,139

	Total	%	ADA	Rank
Expenditures:				
M & O Instruction	\$1,967,417	58.08%		
M & O Support Programs	1,419,573	41.91%		
M & O Other	374	0.01%		
Total M & O	\$3,387,364	100.00%	\$5,177	41
Total ALL Funds	\$3,936,095	100.00%	\$6,016	60

Tax Levies at 9-1-96

	Total	Per ADA	Rank
Property Market Values	\$323,481,471	\$494,386	13
Total M & O Levy	0.002965496		84
Total School Levy	0.002965496		106

Staff Data 1996-97

District Personnel:

	FTE	ADA to FTE
Elementary Teachers	21.74	18
Secondary Teachers	21.26	13
Administrators	3.48	188
Other Certified Staff	3.14	208
Total Certified Staff	49.62	13
Total Non-Certified Staff	28.81	23

Teachers Salaries:

		Rank
Beginning Salary on Schedule	\$19,176	
Highest Salary on Schedule	\$37,803	
Average Elementary Teacher's Salary	\$29,285	67
Average Secondary Teacher's Salary	\$30,358	55
Superintendent's Salary	\$64,306	50

Note: Rank represents how this district compares to the other 111 public school districts in the State of Idaho; high to low (1 being the highest).
 "Totals" may not sum due to rounding.

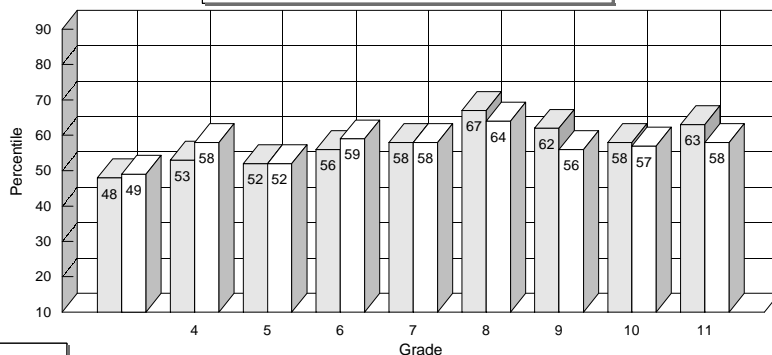


Testing Information 1996-97

Grades 3 through 8 participate in ITBS and grades 9 through 11 participate in TAP standardized testing of basic skills. This graph indicates where students in each Idaho district place in relation to students nationally (the national average percentile is 50).

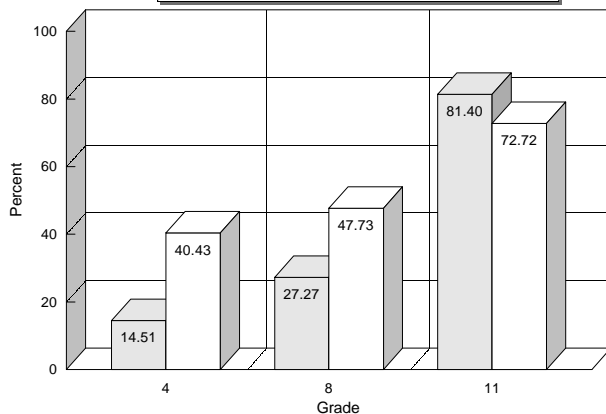
Standard Testing Results

ITBS and TAP



Direct Writing Assessment

percent proficient at grade level



The direct writing assessment provides another indication of what our students know and are able to do in this basic skill area,